

OKINAWA MARINE

AUGUST 24, 2012

WWW.MCIPAC.MARINES.MIL

IN THIS ISSUE

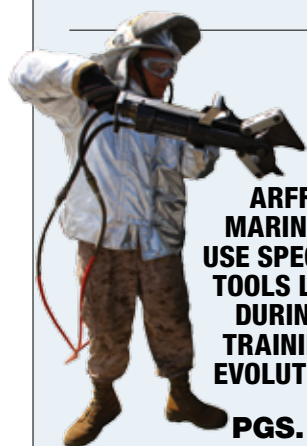
TSUNAMI WARNING SYSTEM TEST



PG. 3

LOGISTICS COMMAND'S CG TOURS CAMP KINSER

PG. 4



ARFF MARINES USE SPECIAL TOOLS LIFE DURING TRAINING EVOLUTION

PGS. 6-7

MARINES PARTICIPATE IN MULTINATIONAL EXERCISE KHAAN QUEST 2012

PG. 8

MRAP EGRESS TRAINER

3rd LE Bn. Marines are the first on Okinawa to train with the new system.

PG. 9

MACG-18 CONDUCTS INTEGRATED COMMAND AND CONTROL EXERCISE

PG. 10

FOLLOW US ON MARINES.MIL



CLB-4 returns from Afghanistan

Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — Marines and sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 4 returned from Afghanistan Aug. 19 at Camp Foster.

The battalion, a part of Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was deployed in Helmand province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"We spent seven months supporting operations in Afghanistan," said 1st Lt. Samy I. Cano, a platoon commander with the battalion. "The Marines performed above and beyond my expectations for them."

During its deployment, the battalion participated in the opening stages of



Sgt. Junior R. Infante holds his 9-month-old son, Jacob, during the homecoming for Combat Logistics Battalion 4 at Camp Foster Aug. 21. Infante is a motor vehicle operator with CLB-4, Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

retrograding equipment from forward operating bases back to Camp Leath-erneck and various other

logistic operations, such as vehicle recovery and convoy operations.

In retrograding the

equipment, CLB-4 returned material from FOBs and smaller outposts to major see **RETURN** pg 5

Corps' leaders reinforce Ospreys' safety

Capt. Justin E. Jacobs
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, and Lt. Gen. Robert E. Schmidle Jr., deputy commandant of Marine Corps aviation, recently reinforced the safety of the MV-22B Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft in

a statement and press briefing in Washington, D.C.

"I am mindful that there are some who are concerned about tilt-rotor technology because of past accidents involving the aircraft, in particular our most recent mishap earlier this year in Morocco," said Amos, in a recent statement regarding the deployment of the MV-22B Osprey to Japan. "As

the commandant, I pledge to our partners, and to the Japanese people, that we will work with them to allay those concerns."

With the rise in recent concerns and attention in the media and among the Japanese community centered on the MV-22B Osprey deployment to Japan, the Corps' leadership wanted see **OSPREY** pg 4

Marines depart for bilateral training

Lance Cpl. Jose D. Lujano
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

HIJUDAI MANEUVER AREA, Oita prefecture, Japan — More than 300 Marines and sailors departed Okinawa to take part in Exercise Forest Light 12-01 at the Hijudai Maneuver Area, Oita prefecture, Japan, Aug. 17.

Forest Light is a semiannual, bilateral training exercise, which will see participation from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force; Combat Assault Battalion; and 2nd

see **FOREST** pg 5



Marines with Combat Assault Battalion and 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, prepare to depart from Okinawa to Hijudai Maneuver Area, Oita prefecture, Japan, Aug. 17. Both battalions are part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, is currently deployed to Okinawa under the unit deployment program. Photo Lance Cpl. Jose D. Lujano

III MEF provides background for women's equality day

Master Sgt. Rafika O. Vann

August 26, 1970 was the 50th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women full suffrage. On that anniversary, the National Organization for Women called upon women to demonstrate for equal rights in a nationwide "strike for equality."

This strike gave a voice to women's issues that was louder than it had been in decades. Congress saw a need for an increased awareness of the inequality issues affecting women and in 1971 recognized Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day. Now an annual event in the U.S., this day commemorates the ratification of the 19th Amendment and acknowledges the continued efforts of women to achieve full equality in education and employment opportunities.

The equal opportunity representatives of III Marine Expeditionary Force and its subordinate commands will be hosting several observances in honor of this event. These observances will feature educational documentaries, poetry readings, leadership panels, and question and answer periods that will provide Marines, sailors, civilian employees and family members an opportunity to engage in small-group discussions in order to learn more about what this day means to us all.

Education is the key to lasting change.

The III MEF observances are designed to educate and provide different perspectives to us all. It is important that both women and men here on Okinawa understand the significance of this day to our daily life and the liberties that we have come to expect. As always, small-unit leadership is the essential piece in

making provisions for all to attend any one of our various observances.

As your wives, girlfriends, sisters, daughters, mothers, or female co-workers register to vote during this election year, reflect on the fact that there was a time when women were not allowed to

vote. When women were granted the right to vote, a substantial part of our nation's population was able to contribute and join in the fight for the rights that our families back home continue to enjoy today. Whether we are active duty, a family member, a retiree or a civilian employee, we are all here on one team as a part of that same fight.

To understand more about how this event helped to shape our nation in years past is to understand ourselves, our purpose for being here, and our role – individually and collectively – in ensuring that we empower ourselves to contribute to a prosperous nation. Let us join together to take the limitations away. This is about us all. This is the true essence of "Women's Equality Day."

Vann is an equal opportunity advisor for III MEF.

"This day commemorates the ratification of the 19th Amendment and acknowledges the continued efforts of women to achieve full equality in education and employment opportunities."

THE AROUND CORPS



Lance Cpl. Thomas Overzet rushes the objective on Range 105 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Aug. 14. Approximately 150 Marines are visiting the combat center from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., as part of their tactical small-unit leaders course. Overzet is a rifleman with 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ali Azimi



A CH-53E Super Stallion with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, places a section of a raft during a training exercise with 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 8. The training made history as it marked the first time in 10 years that Bridge Company, 8th ESB, collaborated with elements of the 2nd MAW to open and construct a collapsible raft while already in water. Photo by Pvt. Franklin E. Mercado



Sgt. Maj. Harrison L. Tanksley pays his respect to Sgt. Joshua R. Ashley during a memorial ceremony in the Regional Command Southwest chapel Aug. 17. Ashley, from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., was a dog handler with military working dogs platoon, Headquarters and Supply Company, 1st Law Enforcement Battalion (Forward). He was killed in action July 19 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Tanksley is the Regional Command Southwest sergeant major. Photo by Cpl. Mark Garcia

Telling the Marine Corps story through videos, photos and stories. See more online.

facebook



www.facebook.com/3mef.mcpac

flickr



www.flickr.com/3mefpao

twitter



www.twitter.com/okinawamarines

YouTube



www.youtube.com/3mefpao



The Okinawa Marine is published by Marine Corps Community Services under exclusive written contract with Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan.

The editorial content of this newspaper is edited and approved by the Consolidated Public Affairs Office of Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

This newspaper is an authorized publication for members of military services stationed overseas, at sea and their families. Its contents do not necessarily reflect the official views of the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense or the U.S. Marine Corps and do not imply endorsement thereof.

The appearance of advertising in this newspaper, including inserts of supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the U.S.

Marine Corps, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler or Marine Corps Community Services of the products and services advertised.

Everything advertised in this newspaper shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the publisher shall refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected.

All photos, unless otherwise indicated, are "official U.S. Marine Corps photos." For more information, e-mail us at okinawamarine.mcbp.fct@usmc.mil or write to us at Public Affairs Office, H&S BN MCB PAO, Unit 35002, FPO AP 96373-5002.

COMMANDING GENERAL Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR Lt. Col. David M. Griesmer

PRESS OFFICER 1st Lt. Jeanscott Dodd

PRESS CHIEF Staff Sgt. Kenneth Lewis

DESIGN EDITOR Lance Cpl. Alyssa N. Hoffacker

OKINAWA MARINE NEWSPAPER

H&S Battalion MCB PAO

Unit 35002

FPO AP 96373-5002

CENTRAL BUREAU

Camp Foster

DSN 645-7422

NORTHERN BUREAU

Camp Hansen

DSN 623-4224

SOUTHERN BUREAU

Camp Kinser

DSN 637-1092

MCIPAC to begin testing tsunami warning system

Pfc. Anne K. Henry
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

CAMP FOSTER — Marine Corps Installations Pacific will test a new tsunami warning system with a specialized alarm Aug. 29. The alarm, which will be tested sometime between noon-4 p.m., is designed to alert personnel on all camps and stations of an imminent destructive wave. Recognizing the sound of the alarm will be critical in evacuating low-lying areas and saving lives.

Upon notification of a tsunami warning, the alarm will be activated. "There will be a steady tone and then a verbal warning," said Mike Lacey, the regional installation emergency manager with MCIPAC.

The steady tone is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's standard siren indicating an emergency. The activation of the system is modeled after the Hawaii Department of Emergency Management procedures, according to Lacey.

Upon notification that Okinawa has been placed under a tsunami warning, the tone will sound for 30 seconds immediately followed by the verbal warning:

"Okinawa is under a tsunami warning. A mandatory evacuation of low-lying coastal areas has been ordered; all personnel should seek safe haven immediately."

Personnel will hear the verbal warning twice in Japanese and English. The alarm will sound every hour after the siren is first activated, followed again by the verbal warning. The alarm will run continuously, commencing thirty minutes prior to the wave's anticipated landfall.

Personnel will be notified when conditions are safe to return to low-lying areas through an announcement of "All clear." This will be repeated three times in both English and Japanese.

According to Lacey, the alarm has the potential to save hundreds of lives if people heed the warnings and take immediate steps before a tsunami occurs.

"People at home or at work, wherever they are, should take this alarm and tsunamis extremely seriously," said Lacey. "They need to know if their home or office is in a dangerous area, so when the alarm does sound, they have a route already planned to escape to the safest place."

One of the major factors contributing to loss of life during a tsunami



Marine Corps Installations Pacific will test a new tsunami warning system Aug. 29. The alarm, which will be tested sometime between noon-4 p.m., is designed to alert personnel on all camps and stations of an imminent destructive wave.

Photo by Pfc. Anne K. Henry

is the failure to act quickly. People often do not take into consideration where they live and therefore do not have a plan, according to Lacey.

"In a lot of instances, people do not give where they live a lot of thought," said Lacey. "Living on a military installation can even provide a false sense of security when it comes to natural disasters."

The new system is currently being tested internally by and MCIPAC is working to educate personnel and family members about the system's importance, so everyone will understand how to respond when the alarm is fully functional.

"The system will be ready for implementation upon completion of the public education campaigns and testing and evaluation period," said Lacey. "We hope to do this during Exercise Constant Vigilance Sept. 10-14."

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

? When I hear the siren, how long does that mean I have to get to safety?

When you hear the siren, immediate evacuation of all low-lying coastal areas has been ordered by the commanding general.

? What does the siren sound like?

A steady tone, which is the Federal Emergency Agency's standard siren, will sound for 30 seconds immediately followed by the verbal warning, which will be played twice in both English and Japanese. "Okinawa is under a Tsunami warning, a mandatory evacuation of low lying coastal areas has been ordered; all personnel should seek safe haven immediately."

? If the siren sounds, who will have to evacuate?

All status of forces agreement personnel in low-lying coastal areas will evacuate immediately.

? What justifies a tsunami warning state?

A tsunami warning state is the highest level of alert issued when a potential tsunami is imminent or expected.

? What is in an emergency evacuation kit?

An emergency evacuation kit includes the essentials for a single person or family. Items in it would be passports, identification cards, important papers, money, clothing, infant formula and diapers. For more information on emergency evacuation kits visit www.ready.gov.

*** Helpful preparation tips**

You should develop a plan to prepare for a tsunami. Identify evacuation routes from home and workplace and family meeting points. Also, prepare an emergency supply kit.

For more tsunami information visit www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html.

BRIEFS**TSUNAMI WARNING SYSTEM TEST**

Marine Corps Installations Pacific will test a new tsunami warning system between 12-4 p.m. Aug. 29. The specialized alarm is designed to alert personnel on all camps and stations of an imminent destructive wave. The steady tone is the Federal Emergency Agency's standard siren indicating an emergency. The tone will sound for 30 seconds, immediately followed by the verbal warning. "Okinawa is under a tsunami warning. A mandatory evacuation of low-lying coastal areas has been ordered; all personnel should seek safe haven immediately." Personnel will hear the verbal warning twice in Japanese and English.

For more information visit www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html.

OKINAWA RESCHEDULED

Due to the approaching typhoon, Marine Corps Community Services has decided to postpone Okinawa, which was scheduled for Aug. 24-25. The event is rescheduled for 5-11 p.m. Sept. 7 and 1-7 p.m. Sept. 8. Okinawa ticket holders may use their tickets for entry on the new dates. Ticket holders who are unable to attend on the new date may obtain a refund at the Butler Officer's Club.

For more information call the Butler Officer's Club at 645-7530.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY OBSERVANCES

Department of Defense has designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day. There will be two Women's Equality Day observances on Okinawa this year. Celebrations will be held at the Camp Kinser Surfside Club Aug. 27 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and at the Camp Hansen Palms Club Aug. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RIDERS COURSE RESCHEDULED

The Advanced Riders Course scheduled for Aug. 31 held at the Motorcycle Safety Section at Kadena Air Base, building 908, is rescheduled for Aug. 30 due to a scheduled power outage.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Collinger F. Daughtry at 645-2039.

MANPOWER MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Manpower Management Division, Enlisted Assignments will conduct its annual visit to Okinawa Sept. 14-19. MMEA monitors will brief and conduct interviews at various locations on Okinawa to update commanders of enlisted manpower decisions. All fiscal year 2013 first term alignment plan Marines are required to attend the FTAP brief prior to their interview with their respective monitor.

For a schedule of events and list of MMEA visitors log on to <http://www.facebook.com/3mef.mcipac>.

TO SUBMIT A BRIEF, send an email to okinawamarine.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil, or fax your request to 645-3803. The deadline for submitting a brief is noon Friday. Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.

OSPREY from pg 1

to address the issue personally.

"As the senior pilot on active duty today in the United States military, I personally attest that there is no more definitive way to strengthen the aviation capability of our allied forces than to forward deploy these remarkably capable aircraft to the Asia-Pacific region as soon as possible," stated Amos.

Basing the MV-22B Osprey in Japan will significantly strengthen III Marine Expeditionary Force's ability to provide for the defense of Japan, perform humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations, and fulfill other alliance roles.

With the accident investigation now complete and the information shared with the government of Japan, the Marine Corps remains committed to its deployment and to the alliance.

"As our two governments work through the details of basing the MV-22B, I remain confident in the aircraft's safety and capabilities and the significant advantages its deployment will bring to the Japanese and American people," stated Amos.

"Ultimately, the investigation determined that the aircraft did not suffer from any mechanical or material failures and that there were no issues with the safety of the aircraft," stated Schmidle. "The airplane has been proven. It's now flown over 130,000 hours



An MV-22B Osprey's capabilities are demonstrated to the Japanese Ministry of Defense at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., Aug. 3. The Osprey is with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 266, Marine Aircraft Group 26, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, II Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kyle Runnels

and it's on its 13th combat deployment."

"It's one of the safest aircraft we have in our inventory today," said Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., III MEF commanding general. "The Osprey's improved capabilities with regard to range, lift and speed increase the Marine Corps' response time in a region where we may be needed to respond to a crisis."

To see the entire messages, visit the following links: <http://www.mcipac.marines.mil/Portals/28/Documents/MV22CMC.pdf> and <http://www.defense.gov/transcripts/transcript.aspx?transcriptid=5100>.

Logistics command CG visits Okinawa

Steve Reynolds

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS COMMAND

CAMP KINSER — Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson, commanding general of Marine Corps Logistics Command, Albany, Ga., visited Okinawa Aug. 20-21 to ensure that his command is providing the most effective and efficient support to III Marine Expeditionary Force.

MCLC has supported III MEF on Okinawa for years through various programs. Today there are over 85 civilian and contracted personnel aboard the island supporting III MEF equipment readiness.

These capabilities reinforce III MEF's logisticians and enable them to focus on their missions.

"All the capabilities we provide are designed to enable the MEF to concentrate on its tactical logistics task," said Col. Brian Oliver, director of operations with MCLC. "Each MEF has different requirements," said Oliver. "Marine Corps Logistics Command coordinates closely with the leadership at each command to develop specific solutions to their requirements."

The command has a MEF support team resident in the III MEF G-4, also known as logistics, to coordinate these efforts. Working side by side with the III MEF G-4 staff, MCLC personnel help meet III MEF-defined requirements.

"We provide specific equipment readiness capabilities to III MEF that enables it to focus on the tactical logistics tasks, which are part of its combat mission," said Michael Kampsen, senior



Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson speaks with 1st Lt. Heather R. Waldorf during a visit to Camp Kinser Aug. 21. Hudson is the commanding general of Marine Corps Logistics Command. Waldorf is a ground supply officer with 3rd Supply Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Donald T. Peterson

logistics support coordinator for MCLC at III MEF. "We strive to connect Marine Corps Logistics Command's capabilities with III MEF requirements."

To increase equipment readiness, MCLC has more than 600 personnel working throughout the operating forces and reserve establishment, according to Oliver.

"We look for ways to relieve the operating forces of the burden of supporting logistics programs that do not need to be performed at the tactical end of the battlefield," said Oliver.

Hudson's visit enabled him to check the performance of MCLC capabilities and ensure that it is meeting III MEF's requirements. He also had the opportunity to confer with III MEF leadership to discuss how his command

can continue to support Marines in the Pacific. One of the command's key responsibilities is to sustain III MEF's combat readiness.

"To me, it's all about ensuring that when a III MEF Marine heads to the field to train with his unit, steps on a U.S. Navy amphibious ship and goes to sea, or deploys to a combat zone, he has the equipment he needs to accomplish his mission," Hudson stated. "There is nothing more important than that to my command. That's why Marine Corps Logistics Command is here."

Hudson wrapped up his trip reinforcing MCLC's commitment to supporting Marine Forces Pacific and III MEF's operating forces today and in the coming years as the Marine Corps rebalances efforts in the Pacific.

FOREST from pg 1

Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. The exercise is designed to enhance the U.S.-Japan military partnership, strengthen regional security, and improve individual and unit-level skills in a bilateral environment. Both CAB and 3rd Marines are with 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, is currently deployed to Okinawa under the unit deployment program.

"At Exercise Forest Light we'll be conducting a medical training exchange, joint live-fire exercises and light-mechanized exercises using assault amphibious vehicles while Marines with 2nd Battalion will be conducting the martial arts exchange with the JGSDF," said Capt. Michael A. Walsh, the company commander of Headquarters and Service Company, CAB. "The purpose of this exercise is to focus on interoperability and joint relations between the U.S. Marine Corps and the JGSDF."

Many Marines are looking forward to conducting the training with the

JGSDF's 41st Infantry Regiment during the exercise, according to Lance Cpl. Shawn G. Wozniak, a data network specialist with CAB.

During the exchange, JGSDF personnel will demonstrate judo, kindo and jukindo techniques, and Marines will showcase techniques from the Marine Corps martial arts program.

"I am looking forward to training with the JGSDF and exchanging martial arts techniques," said Wozniak. "It is a good way for us to come together, learn new things, and build our relationship."

The teamwork and dedication is intended to provide the best possible training environment within operational and training requirements for everyone involved.

According to Walsh, the bilateral training will provide service members with a long-lasting experience from working alongside the JGSDF personnel.

Forest Light began Aug. 19 and concludes Aug. 30.



Marines and sailors with Combat Assault Battalion and 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, load their personal equipment on a truck before their departure from Okinawa to the Hijudai Maneuver Area, Oita prefecture, Japan, Aug. 17. Both battalions are part of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, is currently deployed to Okinawa under the unit deployment program. Photo by Lance Cpl. Jose D. Lujano

RETURN from pg 1

bases of operations, such as Camp Leatherneck for future redeployment to the U.S.

"We started the retrograde process for everything coming out of Afghanistan," said Staff Sgt. Jay C. Ashland, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the maintenance platoon with the battalion. "There were a lot of changes (happening) when we were there. We had to adjust with the changes."

The Marines of the battalion took the changes in stride to complete their assigned missions.

"The retrograde was very intense," said Cano. "The main effort was companies A, B and the motor transport company. My landing support platoon had to retrograde a lot of helicopter support teams. It was very intense, very rapid and very extensive. The Marines were extremely flexible to any change in retrograde plans."

As part of the retrograde, the battalion also performed many convoy operations.

"It went a lot smoother than expected," said Sgt. Felipe Perezrobles, a motor vehicle operator and an assistant convoy commander with the battalion. "Our Marines went out there and did two to three convoys per day, retrograding equipment from the smaller operating bases to larger bases."

In addition, the Marines assisted the Afghan citizens.

Sometimes Marines would dispense water, food, other types of necessities, and tow vehicles back onto the roadway to help the local populace, according to Perezrobles.

Moving vehicles and providing necessities were only some of the missions the Marines performed while also conducting their respective missions.

"I had a great group of Marines," said Ashland. "They performed very well and did whatever I asked for."

As the service members returned, their families greeted them and congratulated them on a job well done.

"Seeing my wife and my child (was an) excellent feeling," said Perezrobles.

"This is my third time coming back, and it is still a good feeling."

For the returning Marines, the transition will be tough, but with the support of family and friends, the Marines will soon return to a normal daily routine.

"It feels surreal," said Cano. "I seriously feel like I am not here yet. Tomorrow when I wake up, I might think that I still have to report to our compound on Camp Leatherneck. I think it will take a couple days to get used to this, and I do not think I am alone on this."

The Marines will rest and recuperate knowing they successfully accomplished their mission in a difficult environment.

"The Marines performed very well," said Perezrobles. "I could not be more proud of them. Many of the Marines have never deployed before. It was an outstanding experience to be able to deploy with them."



Master Sgt. Brannon A. Niesent is greeted at Camp Foster by his family upon his return from a 7-month deployment to Afghanistan Aug. 19. Niesent is the operations chief for Combat Logistics Battalion 4, Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle



Marines and sailors of Combat Logistics Battalion 4 prepare to be dismissed to their families and friends at Camp Foster Aug. 19. The battalion was deployed in Helmand province, Afghanistan, for seven months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. CLB-4 is a part of Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas S. Ranum

Rescue specialists train with lifesaving equipment

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Ian M. McMahon
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Marines of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting know that every passing moment is critical when a vehicle occupant is trapped inside a wrecked automobile. They understand their efficiency and mastery of their tools can mean the difference between life and death.

ARFF, part of Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary

Force, trained for an auto-extrication scenario on a wrecked vehicle on Camp Foster Aug. 17.

“Extrication is used in any case where a person is trapped inside a vehicle,” said Sgt. Devon McIntyre, an ARFF specialist with the squadron. “We may have to remove several parts of the vehicle to free the victim.”

The tools the ARFF specialists use are the key components in tearing apart a vehicle.

“The main tool we use to open a vehicle is the Jaws of Life,” said McIntyre. “The Jaws of Life is a hydraulic spreader that is used to pry apart the metal and plastic of the vehicle.”

The Marines also use cutters, crash axes for breaking glass and a pike pole to pull away parts.

When the specialists arrive on the scene of an accident, they have only moments to determine where to start the extrication.

First, the glass farthest away from the passengers is broken. “This allows anyone who is not pinned to exit,” explained McIntyre.

Next, the rescuers will remove doors to gain more access to victims. They will also remove the roof if it interferes with the extrication.

In a worst-case scenario, in which a person is pinned under the dashboard, ARFF will use a hydraulic jack to pry the dashboard from the vehicle.

“Every accident is different,” said McIntyre. “Depending on the severity of the accident, it can take several minutes.”

Pfc. Justin D. Groom, an ARFF specialist with the squadron, believes the training is invaluable. “It can be (nerve-wracking) using the tools for the first time,” said Groom. “The training we do out there can get us (better) acquainted with our equipment.”

Adrenaline runs high for both rescuers and victims.

“If you are stuck in a vehicle, the best thing you can do is remain calm and trust the people trying to help you,” said Sgt. Joksam Graulau Santiago, an ARFF specialist with the squadron.

Traffic accidents are unpredictable, especially when drivers fail to follow posted speed limits or ignore mandated safety requirements.

“We need to do this training in order to be prepared for any situation,” said Graulau Santiago. “Any hands-on time with the tools is important.”



Lance Cpl. Wade R. Jenkins severs the frame of a vehicle door with the Jaws of Life during auto-extrication training on Camp Foster Aug. 17. Jenkins is an ARFF specialist with MWSS-172.



Pfc. Adrian J. Rosas holds a pike pole that was used to pull back the roof of a car during auto-extrication training on Camp Foster Aug. 17. The pike pole is used to grab any material that is too dangerous to be handled manually. The Marines spent the afternoon practicing with their specialized equipment to increase their efficiency in the event they encounter an actual emergency. Rosas is an aircraft rescue and firefighting specialist with MWSS-172.



Pfc. Adrian J. Rosas uses cutters to open the roof of a car during auto-extrication training on Camp Foster Aug. 17. The training allowed Marines to practice using the tools necessary to quickly and safely extricate victims from crushed automobiles. Rosas is an aircraft rescue and firefighting specialist with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Air Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



Pfc. Adrian J. Rosas uses cutters to remove the roof of a car during auto-extrication training on Camp Foster Aug. 17. Rosas is an aircraft rescue and firefighting specialist with MWSS-172.



Pfc. Justin D. Groom uses a hydraulic ram to roll a vehicle's dashboard forward on Camp Foster Aug. 17. The aircraft and rescue firefighting specialists use this training to practice removing victims trapped in the front seat in an auto-extrication scenario. Groom is an ARFF specialist with MWSS-172.



Lance Cpl. Scott J. Berning talks with role players from the Mongolian Armed Forces as part of disarmament training Aug. 18 during Exercise Khaan Quest 2012 at the Five Hills Training Area near Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Khaan Quest is a multinational exercise sponsored by U.S. Army Pacific and hosted annually by the Mongolian Armed Forces. Berning is a squad leader with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Multinational forces train in Mongolian plains

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Serving in the military offers many opportunities, including the chance to travel to distant lands and train with other nations. Khaan Quest 2012 participants are experiencing this unique opportunity during the annual multinational exercise sponsored by U.S. Army Pacific and hosted by the Mongolian Armed Forces designed to promote regional peace and security.

Approximately 600 service members with the Mongolian Armed Forces, Alaska Army National Guard, Republic of Korea, India, Japan, Australia and the U.S. Marine Corps are participating in the field training exercise portion of KQ 2012.

"The field training exercise concentrates on enhancing the capabilities of partner nations to prepare for and conduct future peacekeeping operations," said Command Sgt. Maj. Clinton K. Brown II, 297th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. "We are achieving that objective while bridging international gaps and creating lasting partnerships."

The multinational troops are conducting platoon-level training during the training evolution.

"In this FTX, we are conducting many different types of exercises," said Capt. Go Yoshiyuki, an instructor with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force. "We are teaching disarmament, providing security for and conducting a distribution site, mounted and dismounted patrols, checkpoint operation training, and counter-improvised explosive device training."

A major consideration during peacekeeping operations is the proper use of force.

"All of your efforts to provide aid can be ruined if you (incorrectly) use force during a peacekeeping operation," said Staff Sgt. Alan J. Maria Jr., platoon sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "If you are setting up a food distribution site and a scenario arises, which requires the use of force to defend yourself or others, people may become afraid to approach you for help. This is a difficult concept to grasp for (service members) who are not accustomed to peacekeeping operations."

The Khaan Quest FTX provides the training and exchange of techniques and procedures for peacekeeping operations between the

participating nations.

"This is a great opportunity for service members from various countries to train and learn from each other," said 1st Lt. E. Gantumur, an instructor with the Mongolian Armed Forces. "Personally, I know this exercise will help my soldiers and me in upcoming deployments. The terrain is similar to the areas we will be operating in, and we are also learning new techniques for how to effectively complete peace-support operations."

Through the military-to-military exchange, participants hope for more opportunities to further build on relationships forged during the exercise.

"I would like to see this exercise continue to grow and more nations participate," said Yoshiyuki. "Peacekeeping is a very important mission and the more nations able to join in peacekeeping efforts throughout the world, the better."



Lance Cpl. Nicholas J. Bidlack searches a role player from the Mongolian Armed Forces as part of peacekeeping training Aug. 17 during Exercise Khaan Quest 2012 at the Five Hills Training Area near Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Bidlack is a mortarman with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Egress trainer provides insight from all angles

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Ken Melton

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Marines of 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion are the first on Okinawa to receive training on the mine-resistant ambush protected egress trainer, recently unveiled on the island.

The Marines of 3rd LE Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, used the 11-passenger MET, which rotates 360 degrees and stops at various positions, to learn how to egress from a damaged or rolled-over vehicle. They worked as a team, practicing muscle memory through crew and battle drills. The MET will be used in conjunction with the existing Humvee egress assistance trainer.

“(The exercise) will help Marines understand what to do in the event of a rollover or mishap,” said Bob Ledyard, a training systems liaison to Marine Corps Installations Pacific and III MEF. “The key is repetition. We’re making sure they’re confident that they can survive a rollover and provide assistance to fellow passengers to egress safely.”

The Marine Corps began using the METs in 2009, and the machines were recently made available on Okinawa. The most significant change is the style of vehicle that makes it more relevant to the Marine Corps.

“(The MET) provides the Marines with the capability to train in the actual (MRAP) that is assigned to Marine Corps units,” said Ledyard.

Data provided by the Army Safety Office shows a significant number of injuries sustained from vehicle rollovers and mishaps.

By teaching and practicing the procedures to follow in the event of a mishap, Ledyard believes many such injuries can be avoided.

“At the present time the (MET) is not a (training) requirement (for Marines),” said Ledyard. “But with the continued use of these vehicle trainers, it will help reduce injury.”

There are 18 METs at 12 different locations throughout the Marine Corps, which are used by 35,000 Marines a year, according to Ledyard.

“The trainer is available to all units (and branches) on Okinawa,” said Ledyard.

The 3rd LE Bn. Marines can attest to the benefit of training with this device.

“We cannot be properly prepared for mishaps without this trainer,” said 1st Lt. Scott E. Samuelson, a platoon commander with Company B, 3rd LE Bn. “Getting familiar with the vehicle, egressing from it and setting up security gives everyone a chance to get familiar with the basics of (single vehicle) rollovers. We can build on these skills later when training with convoys.”

The training also helps Marines develop a thought process of what to do if they are in a rollover situation in the field.

Marines are taught not to panic and how to assess potential casualties after they egress, according to Cpl. Jason Almodovar, a squad leader with Company B. “I would recommend this training to anyone because most (Marines) will ride or drive in this vehicle at some point in time. They should be trained on what to do if a rollover happens.”

Ledyard believes the training can be applied to almost any situation.

“A rollover can happen at any time,” said



Josh Moody controls the new mine-resistant ambush protected egress trainer at Camp Hansen Aug. 17. Moody is the instructor, operator and maintainer of the MET.

Ledyard. “Although this is an MRAP trainer, by applying what is learned from it, the techniques can be applied to any vehicle. It is a problem-solving event once the mishap occurs, regardless of the type of vehicle.”



Marines with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion egress and set up security after a simulated roll over in the mine-resistant ambush protected egress trainer at Camp Hansen Aug. 17. The 11-passenger MET, which simulates the hull of an MRAP, rotates 360 degrees and stops at various positions. It helps teach service members how to egress from a damaged or rolled-over vehicle through teamwork and crew and battle drills. 3rd LE Bn., part of III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, is the first unit to train with the MET on Okinawa.

JGSDF members meet course challenges

Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Present sword! Order sword! Carry sword! These are a few of the commands that can be heard echoing across the parade deck at Camp Foster during the Headquarters and Service Battalion's corporals course.

However, there is something that stands out about this course. There are two students in the course who are not U.S. Marines. They are members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.

"We are here to promote the exchange between the enlisted Marines and the enlisted Japan Ground Self-Defense Force ... to understand how the Marines think and operate," said Sgt. Nana Kawada, a medical officer with the JGSDF's 36th Infantry Regiment. "This will assist in the effort to facilitate the coordination during joint training or humanitarian assistance operations."

Despite the language barrier, both JGSDF members are doing well in the course, according to Staff Sgt. Justin R. Straws, the chief instructor of the course and combat engineer with 3rd Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"They are good students," said Straws. "I think they are definitely learning a lot from the course, which they will be able to take back to their units."

Although the JGSDF has a similar course for sergeants, the training for Marine Corps noncommissioned officers is very different, according to Kawada.

"The JGSDF tends to just teach or tell, but the



Sgt. Hironobu Ehara, right, executes the present sword movement at the Camp Foster parade deck Aug. 20 during practical application of the sword manual. Ehara is an infantryman with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's 1st Division Headquarters and is currently a student at the Headquarters and Service Battalion's corporals course. Photo by Pfc. Anne K. Henry

Marine Corps makes you think how to take responsibility, so I think I would like to take that attitude and philosophy back with me," said Kawada.

Thus far, the JGSDF members have learned that they have a tremendous responsibility.

"I learned that, in the Marine Corps, corporals take responsibility of their subordinates, and they emphasize taking care of the junior Marines," said Sgt. Hironobu Ehara, an infantryman with the 1st Division Headquarters, JGSDF.

Both are constantly learning from the other Marines in the course and they are not treated differently – they are treated like Marines, according to Straws.

"All the Marines are very helpful," said Ehara. "They are very kind – they really care that I understand what is going on, and they spare their time to make sure we

understand everything."

The Marines in the course are also learning from the JGSDF members.

"We showed each other exercises that we can use for our units during physical training," said Cpl. Mary E. Bucklin, an ammunition technician with Combat Logistics Regiment 35. "We show them some things they can take back, and they show us some things we can (use)."

The JGSDF members are grateful that they are able to participate in the course.

"On behalf of the JGSDF, I would like to share my appreciation and I am very grateful for this opportunity," said Ehara.

The relationships created during the course will last a long time, according to Straws.

"They all bonded," said Straws. "It has been a privilege to train them. I learned as much from them as they have learned from me."



Marines practice their specialties, prepare for future exercises

Lance Cpl. Daniel E. Valle

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

At first glance, one may think calling for air support, aerial refueling, landing clearance, medical evacuation and air delivery is something they would see only in a video game. However, this is no game.

Marines with Marine Air Control Group 18 conducted a Marine air command and control system integrated systems training exercise at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Aug. 15-17.

The training, which is conducted three times a year, is designed to ensure Marines are prepared to execute their tasks when in support of larger exercises throughout the year.

"This MISTEX is a rehearsal for Ulchi Freedom Guardian," said Maj. John C. Barry, operations officer with the group, which is part of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "A three or four day MISTEX is normally held before each UFG or Key Resolve, while Ryukyu Warrior is normally a weeklong MISTEX event of its own."

The training keeps the Marines prepared, allowing them to quickly respond to calls for air support, according to Sgt. Jesse R. Hiatt, an air support operations operator with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, MACG-18, 1st MAW, III MEF.

"The training is (effective) because everybody gathers situational

awareness and builds on the information needed during a bigger operation to avoid being blindsided," said Hiatt.

During the exercise, the Marines used a simulation generator, which produced challenging scenarios.

"We can reduce the amount of aircraft in the air and slow things down, or we can throw a whole bunch of things at the Marines and speed things up," said Barry. "We can also put ground units into the simulation," Barry added. "This allows the Marines to train on providing air support for the Marines on the ground."

This is the third time the Marines have used the advance simulations combat operations trainer, or ASCOT, according to Barry. The Marines who are most experienced with the trainer create the scenarios for the exercise.

"I'm putting things out there to challenge them," said Cpl. Marcos J. Galindo, an air control electronics operator with Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 18, MACG-18, 1st MAW, III MEF. "We want to be able to see how they handle the scenarios we create and correct any discrepancies now."

The Marines performed well, even though this was their first time working together, according to Barry.

"There is definitely a lot of progress being made. It's always rough getting the new Marines up to speed, but they (all did) a great job," said Hiatt.

In Theaters Now

AUGUST 24-30

FOSTER

TODAY The Bourne Legacy (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Expendables 2 (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Brave (PG), noon; The Expendables 2 (R), 3 p.m.; The Watch (R), 6 p.m.; Ted (R), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG), 1 and 4 p.m.; The Expendables 2 (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY ParaNorman (PG), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY The Campaign (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Step Up Revolution (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG), 7 p.m.

KADENA

TODAY Closed
SATURDAY ParaNorman (PG), noon; Hope Springs (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Bourne Legacy (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Dark Knight Rises (PG13), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY ParaNorman (PG), 1 p.m.; The Bourne Legacy (PG13), 4 p.m.; Ted (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY The Bourne Legacy (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Total Recall (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Ted (R), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG), 6 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG), 2 p.m.; Rock of Ages (R), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY Total Recall (PG13), 2 and 6 p.m.
MONDAY ParaNorman (PG), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY The Campaign (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY That's My Boy (R), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG), 4 and 7 p.m.
SUNDAY Rock of Ages (R), 4 p.m.; That's My Boy (R), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Total Recall (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY ParaNorman (PG), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG), 3 p.m.; Ted (R), 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG), 3 p.m.; Ted (R), 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY Closed
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG), 3 p.m.; The Expendables 2 (R), 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY The Bourne Legacy (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

HANSEN

TODAY Step Up Revolution (PG13), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY Total Recall (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Step Up Revolution (PG13), 2 p.m.; Ted (R), 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY The Expendables 2 (R), 6 and 9 p.m.
TUESDAY The Expendables 2 (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Ted (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Bourne Legacy (PG13), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY Total Recall (PG13), 5 and 8 p.m.
SATURDAY That's My Boy (R), 5 and 8 p.m.
SUNDAY Rock of Ages (R), 5 and 8 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

THEATER DIRECTORY

CAMP FOSTER 645-3465
KADENA AIR BASE 634-1869
(USO NIGHT) 632-8781
MCAS FUTENMA 636-3890
(USO NIGHT) 636-2113
CAMP COURTNEY 622-9616
CAMP HANSEN 623-4564
(USO NIGHT) 623-5011
CAMP KINSER 637-2177
CAMP SCHWAB 625-2333
(USO NIGHT) 625-3834

Movie schedule is subject to change without notice. Call in advance to confirm show times. For a complete listing, visit www.shopmyexchange.com.



SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681.

FOREST ADVENTURE PARK TRIP - SEPT. 1

• Spend a day zip-lining through the Okinawa jungle. A bus will depart Kinser Gym at 8:50 a.m., Futenma Semper Fit Gym at 9:20 a.m. and Camp Foster Field House at 9:40 a.m. Sept. 1. Sign up by Aug. 30.

ICE SKATING TRIP - SEPT. 2

• Take a trip to the Southern Hill Ice Skating Rink near Naha. A bus will depart Kinser Gym at 8:50 a.m., Futenma Semper Fit Gym at 9:20 a.m. and Camp Foster Field House at 9:40 a.m. Sept. 2. Sign up by Aug. 30.

PINEAPPLE PARK TRIP - SEPT. 4

• Tour Fruitland, the Ryukyu Glass Factory and Pineapple Park Sept. 4. A bus will depart Kinser Gym at 8:50 a.m., Futenma Semper Fit Gym at 9:20 a.m., and Camp Foster Field House at 9:40 a.m. Sept. 4. Sign up by Aug. 30.

Mention of any company in this notice does not constitute endorsement by the Marine Corps.

Japanese phrase of the week:

“Chotto matte kudasai”

(pronounced: cho-toh-mah-teh koo-dah-sah-ee)

It means,

“Just a moment please”



Aug 13-17

RIFLE RANGE

Lance Cpl. Adrian H. Lopez
III MHG, 339



CHAPLAINS' CORNER

“Most of the time it's training our ear to hear that still, small voice of the Holy Spirit and to trust in God, who is near to each of us.”

Anecdote highlights trust, faith

Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey A. Terry
3RD MARINE DIVISION CHAPLAIN

Have you ever had a “God moment” where the only reasonable explanation for what happened was God?

When my daughter, Brenna, was 5 years old she became ill. The day before Thanksgiving she was admitted to the hospital for suspected appendicitis. My wife and I were told that the surgeon on call was the most reputable pediatric surgeon in the city. Around 5 p.m., shortly after her admission, he examined her. Rather than appendicitis, he thought she had an abdominal inflammation, saying she was likely dehydrated, and recommended giving fluids and reassessing her in the morning.

As the evening wore on, Brenna's condition worsened. I had gone home about 9 p.m. and my wife stayed the night. Around 11 p.m. my wife prayed more earnestly that God would give the surgeon the wisdom to know how to treat Brenna. Soon after that, a nurse came to inform her the doctor was on his way back to the hospital.

When the doctor arrived he came into the room, examined her again and stated he wanted to take her into surgery. As they talked, he said that when he went home that evening he had gone to bed around 9 p.m., but a couple hours later woke up out of a sound sleep, thinking, “There's something wrong with that little girl.” The doctor called the nurse's station to get a report and didn't like what he heard. He said, “In all my years practicing medicine, I've never woke from a sound sleep and second-guessed myself.”

Brenna had surgery at 4 a.m. Thanksgiving morning. What was a mystery until then was now clear. Brenna's appendix had actually burst some 15-18 hours earlier. Each passing hour was critical, and if things had been delayed too much longer her survival may have been in question.

For us, this was a “God moment.” Most of our days tend to be more ordinary and most of our “God moments” are less dramatic. Most of the time it's training our ear to hear that still, small voice of the Holy Spirit and to trust in God, who is near to each of us.

FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ALL MARINE CORPS BASE CHAPELS, CALL 645-2501 OR VISIT WWW.MARINES.MIL/UNIT/MCBJAPAN/PAGES/AROUNDMCBJ/CHAPEL.ASPX